

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Plaintiff,

NO. CR18-174 RAJ

v.

PROTECTIVE ORDER

1. JOSE VERDUZCO URIAS,
a/k/a "El Chivo,"
2. BELINDA CRUZ,
3. JOSE URENA VERDUZCO, a/k/a
"Chayo"
4. JULIO CESAR FIERRO VEGA,
5. IVAN VALDEZ SOTO,
6. VICTOR MARTINEZ,
7. JULIAN ZAMORA GARCIA,
8. ALBERTO CRUZ REYES,
9. RIGOBERTO PONCE SANCHEZ, and
10. FERNANDO CASTRO SANTACRUZ,

Defendants.

This matter comes before the Court on the Stipulated Motion for a Protective Order regarding discovery materials, as permitted by Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(d). Having considered

1 the record and files herein, the Court finds there is good cause to grant the stipulated
2 motion, and hence:

3 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the discovery materials discussed in the Motion
4 for the Protective Order and referred to therein as "Protected Material," marked specially
5 as "Protected Material," may be produced to counsel for the defendants in this case.

6 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that possession of Protected Material is limited to the
7 attorneys of record in this case and their staff, and to any investigators, expert witnesses,
8 and other agents the attorneys of record retained in connection with this case. The attorneys
9 of record, and their investigators, expert witnesses, and other agents can review Protected
10 Material with the defendants. The defendants can inspect and review Protected Material,
11 but shall not be allowed to possess, photograph, or record Protected Material or otherwise
12 retain Protected Material or copies thereof.

13 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that defense counsel shall not provide Protected
14 Material or copies thereof to any other person outside his or her law office, including the
15 defendants or their family or associates. Defendants who are residing at the FDC will be
16 permitted to review the Protected Material, consistent with the regulations established by
17 the Bureau of Prisons for discovery materials subject to a protective order and designated
18 as protected or sensitive material. Consistent with those rules and regulations, Defendants
19 who are residing at the FDC will be permitted to review the Protected Material with their
20 counsel or in a controlled environment at the FDC, but will be prohibited from keeping a
21 copy of the material in their own possession, printing it out, copying it, or distributing it.

22 IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the defendant, defense counsel, and
23 others to whom disclosure of the content of the Protected Material may be necessary to
24 assist with the preparation of the defense, shall not disclose the Protected Material or its
25 contents, other than as necessary for the preparation of defenses at trial and in subsequent
26 appellate proceedings, if necessary. Specifically, the attorneys of record and members of
27 the defense team acknowledge that providing copies of the Protected Material to the
28 Defendants and other persons is prohibited, and agree not to duplicate or provide copies of

1 the Protected Material to the Defendants and other persons. This order does not limit
2 employees of the United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Washington
3 from disclosing the Protected Material to members of the United States Attorney's Office,
4 federal law enforcement agencies, the Court, or witnesses in order to pursue other
5 investigations or the prosecution in this case. Nor does it limit employees of the United
6 States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Washington from disclosing the
7 Protected Material to the defense as necessary to comply with the government's discovery
8 obligations.

9 Nothing in this Protective Order prohibits each defense counsel from showing the
10 Protected Material, or reviewing its contents, with his or her respective defendant or with
11 others to whom disclosure may be necessary to assist with the preparation of the defense
12 at trial and in subsequent appellate proceedings, if necessary.

13 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if counsel for any party finds it necessary to file
14 any documents marked as Protected Material, the material shall be filed under seal with the
15 Court.

16 Nothing in this Order shall prevent any party from seeking modification of this
17 Protective Order or from objecting to discovery that it believes to be otherwise improper.
18 The parties agree that in the event that compliance with this Order makes it difficult for
19 defense counsel to adhere to their Sixth Amendment obligations, or otherwise imposes an
20 unworkable burden on counsel, defense counsel shall bring any concerns about the terms
21 of the Order to the attention of the government. The parties shall then meet and confer
22 with the intention of finding a mutually acceptable solution. In the event that the parties
23 cannot reach such a solution, defense counsel shall have the right to bring any concerns
24 about the scope or terms of the Order to the attention of the Court by way of a motion.

25 Nothing in this order should be construed as imposing any discovery obligations on
26 the government that are different from those imposed by case law and Rule 16 of the
27 Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure. The failure to designate any materials as provided
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1 in paragraph 2 shall not constitute a waiver of a party's assertion that the materials are
2 covered by this Protective Order.

3 This Protective Order does not constitute a ruling on the question of whether any
4 particular material is properly discoverable or admissible and does not constitute any ruling
5 on any potential objection to the discoverability of any material.

6 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that at the conclusion of the case, the Protected
7 Material shall be returned to the United States, or destroyed, or otherwise stored in a
8 manner to ensure that it is not subsequently duplicated or disseminated in violation of this
9 Protective Order.

10 The Clerk of the Court is directed to provide a filed copy of this Protective Order to
11 all counsel of record.

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13 DATED this 6th day of August, 2018.

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16 The Honorable Richard A. Jones
17 United States District Judge
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